GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Industries & Commerce Department - Ease of Doing Business – Development of an online wizard/ system for Decriminalization – Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES& COMMERCE (P&I) DEPARTMENT

G.O Ms.No 61 **Dated:15.10.2024**

Read the following.

1. G.O.Ms.No.35, Industries & Commerce (IP&INF) Department, Dt:29.04.2015.
2. G.O.Ms.No.86, Industries & Commerce (P&I) Department, Dt:14.06.2016.
3. Notification issued by Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Government of India dated 31st January 2024 on Business Reform Action Plan 2024.

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ORDER:

Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India (GoI) has been spearheading the Ease of Doing Business initiatives, engaging with the States and Union Territories to create a conducive business environment across the nation. Several initiatives such as reducing the number of processes, decreasing the average time taken, and rationalizing costs, have made it easier do business in India.

2. Several measures to reduce compliance burden and decriminalize various criminal provisions are undertaken to bring in transparency regarding information on criminal provisions under various Acts/Regulations including section / rule applicable to them.

3. Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2024 notified by DPIIT vide reference cited above, recommends developing an online wizard/single window system for Decriminalization to ensure that all the information is readily available to businesses. Also, it is envisaged that an online information wizard shall be developed to act as an interactive tool that will provide comprehensive information on descriptions of provision with trigger/ event point for incidence of liability for business and relevant sector and type of offence and punishment.

4. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has developed the Andhra Pradesh Single Desk Portal (AP SDP) (https://www.apindustries.gov.in) as a one stop shop for investors to avail required approvals and clearances for setting up and operating an industry in Andhra Pradesh. AP SDP provides service-specific Standard Operating procedures (SOPs) to enhance transparency and information availability around various business specific services. This will ensure that Businesses shall not suffer from uncertainty regarding information of various services including their procedures, pre-requisites, fees, timelines, etc., while filing an application.

5. To further augment the availability of information under AP SDP, the Government hereby directs the development of an online wizard/system under AP SDP where businesses can enter specific details (such as unit turnover, area of operation, number of workers and other relevant details) to obtain information regarding all criminal provisions under various Acts including section/rule applicable to them.

6. The online wizard thus developed shall provide for the following functionalities:

- list of criminal provisions under various Acts including section/ rule
- type of offence and punishment and
- Descriptions of provisions with trigger/event points indicating the incidence of liability for businesses in the relevant sectors, as well as the type of offence and associated punishment. This includes designing an intuitive and user-friendly online wizard a comprehensive database that details offences, event and corresponding punishments.

7. To ensure robustness of the online wizard for decriminalization and provide comprehensive information, all the concerned State Government Departments / Agencies providing business specific services shall update criminal / penal provisions details applicable across various Acts / Regulations administered by them on AP Single Desk Portal.

8. The Director of Industries, Andhra Pradesh shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT & CIP

To
The Director of Industries, Andhra Pradesh., Mangalagiri.
All Head of Departments concerned,with the special note to IT,E&C Department, to instruct all the developers of portals of state Government Departments.
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APIIC, Mangalagiri.
All District Collectors in the State.
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